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# PERRY'S CATALOGUE

Select Strawberry Plants  
and Sweet Potato Plants



GEM—An Outstanding Everbearing Variety



## BASIL PERRY

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# Description of Varieties

**PREMIER (Early)** — Introduced more than twenty years ago. Every strawberry grower has heard of Premier for it is largely planted in almost all sections, and by almost all strawberry growers. It is one of the best and most popular varieties ever introduced and claimed by many to be without an equal for any purpose. It is a great success in almost all sections and on any soil. The plants are good growers, large and heavy-rooted. It ripens with the earliest, is very productive, the fruit is large and of delicious flavor, firm, a good keeper, ships well and sells for good prices. Many claim it is the most profitable variety they have ever grown. If you want a good early variety that is not easily killed by frost, and one that bears through a long season you will make no mistake in planting Premier. On all soils and under all conditions I do not believe any of the newer varieties of the same season are as good as Premier.

**HOWARD 17.** — This berry is exactly the same as Premier.

**DORSETT (Early)** — This new variety stands at the top in quality. Better than any other commercial kind except Fairfax which has equal quality. For this reason Dorsett is one of the best for home garden and for local markets. When sold by name buyers will come back for more. Many claim it is as early as Premier but with us it starts two days later than Premier. Fruit somewhat darker than Premier but not as dark as Fairfax. Dorsett lasts through a long season holding on until most of the late varieties are about through. This variety makes very large strong plants and for this reason produces very large berries. They are firm enough to stand shipment to distant markets and arrive in good condition.

**FAIRFAX (Early)** — Unquestionably the firmest and finest quality berry we have grown. Berries are very large and uniform, holding their size well to the end of the season. The flesh is exceedingly firm and meaty, excelling Dorsett in this respect. Ripens with Premier or a few days later in some localities. A good canning variety. Plants large and vigorous. Probably its chief fault lies in its color which is rather dark and with a tendency to become more so after being picked. A good commercial variety and one of the finest for home use.

**BIG JOE (Midseason)** — One of the most popular shipping berries on nearly all large markets. It is a strong grower, making plenty of plants for a good fruiting bed. The berries are large, bright red and have large, light green caps, which makes the berries very attractive and adds to the selling price. The quality is good and the berries are quite firm. It is a good shipper and equally good for fancy local market purposes. One of the most productive.

**CATSKILL (Midseason to Late)** — A Sure Cropper. The largest, most productive, and most profitable mid-season berry.

Was originated by the New York Exp. Station where it has been grown for several years and is highly recommended for its size, yield and attractiveness. Catskill is a cross of Marshall and Premier and must take its fruiting abilities after Premier for it is a heavy producer and in tests has even outyielded that variety and seems to be second to none in yield under normal conditions. The berries are large in size, bright red in color with a bright green cap that makes an attractive appearance and of excellent quality and flavor. The plant growth is unusually vigorous with long fibrous roots that penetrate deep into the soil making them drought resistant. The foliage is healthy and vigorous, makes plants freely.

**NEW YORK** — This is the sweetest strawberry grown. The plant is a vigorous grower, producing a moderate number of large, healthy plants. The berries are medium to large in size, dark red in color, but only moderately firm in texture. New York is a home garden berry. It is the only strawberry we know of that is sweet before it gets red. We have many calls for New York from those whose health does not permit them to eat berries which are in anyway tart or acid in quality.

**CORSICAN** — This berry is exactly the same as New York.

# Fall or Everbearing Strawberries

Everbearing strawberries have long since ceased to be just a novelty and have an accepted place in berry growing. They bear two crops each year, one in the spring and one in the fall. Everbearers will fruit the fall of the year they are set. Keep the blossoms cut off until about July 10 and you can enjoy luscious berries from August until the snow flies. Removing the early blossoms gives the plants a chance to make a vigorous growth before fruiting, resulting in more and larger berries in the fall.

Everbearers require good soil and plenty of moisture. Early setting is important. General cultural practices are about the same as for spring varieties.

**GEM (Everbearing)** — One of the best Everbearers. Large, glossy, bright red, attractive berries whose very appearance sells them for top prices. Smooth and uniform in shape. Good quality. Slightly tart. A heavy yielder and prolific plant maker.

**MASTODON (Everbearing)** — Mastodon is the most popular and widely grown Everbearer. It does well in all the northern and middle states, also as far south as North Carolina and Tennessee on sites of 100 feet or more elevation.

Mastodon makes a very vigorous healthy plant growth, with strong robust individual plants. This may partly explain its ability to come through under tough conditions. Other varieties may be better or poorer under varying conditions, but Mastodon almost never lets you down entirely.

It bears from late summer until freezing weather. The heavy foliage often protects the berries so that they continue until long after the first frosts have come.

Mastodon is a fine midseason berry for the spring season, entirely apart from its summer and fall crop. This makes Mastodon a safe variety to plant.

The berries from either crop are large, bright red, of good quality and firm enough for local or nearby markets.

**GEMZATA (Everbearing)** — A new everbearing strawberry that challenges the Mastodon and Gem. Developed from a cross of the Gem and Wayzata it is a triumph in Strawberry plant breeding. It is a vigorous grower, foliage being resistant to leaf spot. The fruit resembles Gem but averages larger, it is firm and very high in quality. It seems to adapt itself to a wide range of soils and is very productive, setting berries almost constantly during the summer months. It is truly a fine Everbearing berry and we recommend it for trial.

**MINNESOTA No. 1166 (Everbearing)** — This is a very recent introduction in Everbearing strawberries. Many of those who have tried it, state they prefer this variety to any Everbearer introduced to date. It also bears 60 to 90 days after planting—berries all summer and fall, followed by a fine crop the following June. Plants are hardy, and produces runners freely. Berries are large, long and pointed—in appearance it looks like the Missionary berry that is so well known in the South. Berries are dark in color and perfectly red clear through—no green tips. Fruit is firm and very sweet.

**BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing)** — This is another new variety of everbearing Strawberry that differs from all others in this way: For you folks who cannot eat other varieties of Strawberries, can eat this one. No acid, and about all sugar. This variety will not cause a rash like others do on some folks. It's really so sweet that no sugar is needed. Mild and smooth. Seeds are so small that they are hardly noticed. Berries large, bright red, and bears 60 days after set, and is still at it when it commences to snow.

# Price List of Strawberry Plants

	By Parcel Post Prepaid						By Parcel Post or Express Purchaser to pay charges
	25	50	100	200	500	1000	
	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	Plants	
PREMIER	\$1.00	\$1.60	\$3.00	\$5.00	\$8.50	\$15.00	
HOWARD 17	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
BIG JOE	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
CATSKILL	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
FAIRFAX	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
DORSETT	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
NEW YORK or CORSICAN	1.00	1.60	3.00	5.00	8.50	15.00	
MASTODON (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	27.00	
GEM (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	27.00	
MINNESOTA No. 1166 (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	27.00	
BRUNES MARVEL (Everbearing)	1.50	2.50	4.00	8.00	15.00	27.00	
GEMZATA (Everbearing)	1.50	2.75	5.00	10.00	20.00	35.00	

## MY STRAWBERRY PLANTS

Are always grown in new beds,  
Are fresh dug at time of shipment,  
Are planted in blocks and kept pure,  
Are sold at as low a price as we can name,  
And furnish good plants.

## Sweet Potato Plants

**YELLOW JERSEY** — A heavy yielder of well shaped yellowish gold color. Potatoes that are good dry and mealy when cooked.

**NANCY HALL** — An old favorite of uniform excellence; yellow skin, meat sweet and of amber yellow color.

**PORTO RICO YAMS** — A very popular variety. Deep orange flesh. Sweet, mellow and of fine flavor.

**WHITE YAMS** — A very popular white variety.

Price either variety: \$1.25 per 100; 200 for \$2.00; 500 for \$3.50; 1000 for \$6.00. Postpaid

**Terms**—Payment must be made before shipment. If not convenient to remit entire amount when order is sent remit not less than one-fourth of the amount of the order, and your order will be booked and held for you and you can remit the remainder when convenient, before shipment.

**Our Prices**—We think our prices are as low as any reliable grower can offer the same grade of goods. Some may offer lower prices, but the best plants are always the cheapest in the end. Try ours.

**Our Stock** is equal to any grown, and you may always rely on getting it fresh and full of life, and as our soil is especially adapted to the growing of plants, we send out as fine roots as any on the market.

## STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE NURSERY CERTIFICATE

To Whom It May Concern:

Dover, Del., Aug. 31, 1945

This Certifies that I have this day examined the Nursery Stock grown by Basil Perry, at Georgetown, Delaware, Sussex County, consisting of Strawberries and that said Nursery Stock is apparently free from dangerous injurious insects and diseases. The following person **BASIL PERRY** certifies that the Nursery Stock contained in this shipment was taken from the stock which passed inspection. This certificate may be revoked by the State Board of Agriculture for cause and is invalid after Aug. 31, 1946.

**S. L. HOPPERSTEAD, Inspector.**

Our plants are certified. A copy of our State Certificate accompanies every shipment.